

# AmeriCorps VISTA Sponsor Call

April 1, 2020

- Audio: Computer or Phone (877-853-5257, meeting ID 135 291 323)
- Chat: Monitored throughout
  - Test now
- Poll Questions
- Recording: Will be posted on the VISTA Campus

- Welcome
- General Updates
  - CARES Act
  - Status of CNCS and VISTA
- AmeriCorps VISTA Members
  - Support and Training for Current Members
  - Status of Recruitment and Placement of New Members
- Policy Changes and FAQs
- Resources
- Next Steps

# Objectives



Feedback  
from  
sponsors

Provide a  
summary of  
last call and  
share  
updates

Continue  
building our  
relationship

# Poll Question 1



- Do you have members on board now?
- If you currently have members on board:
  - Are they teleserving?
  - Are they using emergency leave?
  - Are they using a combination of teleservice and emergency leave?
  - Are they continuing to serve on site?

## Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act – CARES Act

- Ensures AmeriCorps members, who have served 50% of their term, can earn their full Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, if their service is disrupted due to COVID-19;
- Allows AmeriCorps State and National grantees receiving fixed-amount awards to access their full federal funding based on member enrollment;
- Expands the AmeriCorps NCCC upper age and program term limit for members to limit disruption during the COVID-19 emergency;



## Status of CNCS and AmeriCorps VISTA

Cancellation of non essential travel indefinitely

### Cancellation of events

- All Sponsor Convenings scheduled for April, May, and June
- In Service Training scheduled for June

# AmeriCorps VISTA Members

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- Support and Training for Current Members
- Status of Recruitment and Placement of New Members
- Summer Associates



# Poll Question 2

## What are your plans for the VISTA Summer Associate program?

- We were not planning to have a VISTA Summer Associate program
- We were planning to have a VISTA Summer Associate program but can no longer do so
- We were planning to have a VISTA Summer Associate program, but need fewer members
- We were planning to have a VISTA Summer Associate program and need more members

# FAQs and Policy Changes

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Teleservice

Emergency  
Leave

Virtual alternative  
to fingerprinting

End of Service  
Award

Documentation  
for early  
termination of  
service

FAQs related to  
CARE Act and Ed  
Award that will be  
added

# Poll Question 3

In the short term, we expect to change our programming to address the following community needs:

- Food security
- Employment
- Connecting individuals to medical assistance
- Not applicable to my project

# Let's chat!

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Please use the Chat to answer the following questions:

What changes are you seeing in your project or community needs right now as a result of the coronavirus pandemic?

What do you think this will mean to your project once we get past the contagion?



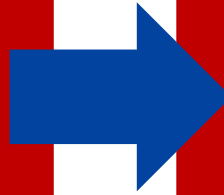
Do we have  
any last  
questions?

# Next Steps

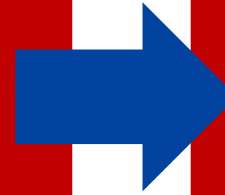
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**Next Call:  
April 15, 2020  
3:00 PM ET**



**Questions?  
Contact State  
or Regional  
Offices**



**Make sure your  
email contact  
information is  
up to date**



- Coronavirus (COVID-19) FAQs

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/coronavirus>

- 10 Ways to Safely Help Your Community

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/serve>

# More Resources

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## 10 ways to safely help your community during COVID-19

1. donate to nonprofits



2. donate or volunteer safely with  
food banks and pantries

3. deliver meals and groceries to  
vulnerable seniors



4. help a local school

5. donate blood



6. become a medical  
volunteer

7. donate medical supplies  
or equipment



8. stay in touch

9. serve in your community



10. volunteer at home

# Meeting Evaluation

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- Please take a few minutes to provide feedback on today's meeting:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SponCallApr1>

